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WEATHER FORECAST.  
Fair tonight and tomorrow.  
Copper, 12.125—Grains, higher—Live-  
stock, higher—Mexican bank notes, 16—  
Villas currency, 24—Chihuahua currency, 25—  
Carrizosa currency, 27.

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# EL PASO HERALD

## EUROPEAN NATIONS BATTLING AGAINST FIVE EUROPE AGAINST AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

### Extreme Cruelty Charged To German Troops

### CHILDREN THOUSANDS OF RESERVISTS SAIL PORTUGAL SHOT BY TROOPS LATEST IN THE FIGHT

#### RESERVISTS NOT ARMED CAN LEAVE

Frenchmen Traveling in  
Germany Taken From  
Train; Shot as Spies.

#### BELGIANS CUT GERMAN RAILWAYS

German Cruiser Is Sunk by  
Russia; British Troops  
Land, to Aid French.

PARIS, France, Aug. 7.—Cruelty almost unheard of in its ferocity is being charged in Paris against the German troops. Assertions are made that French sympathizers in Alsace-Lorraine are being shot on suspicion, without trial, and that French persons fleeing from Germany have been dragged from trains and shot on the spot.

French Enter Alsace, Routing For.  
French troops today entered Alsace and captured the village of Altkirch, near the Swiss frontier, 17 miles west of Basel.

The official report of the French invasion of Alsace today says the French troops crossed into Alsace and delivered a first attack on the German forces at Altkirch.

The French troops took the village, a place of nearly 4000 inhabitants.

The German forces were routed, pursued by the French troops in the direction of the great fortress of Mulhouse.

The Alsatian natives were so delighted at the arrival of the French soldiers that they tore up the frontier posts.

American Held as Spy.  
Archer M. Huntington, president of the Geographical society, and his wife have been arrested at Nuremberg, Bavaria, as spies.

Mr. Huntington's chauffeur, who accompanied him to Switzerland, telegraphed to the American embassy here Friday saying Mr. and Mrs. Huntington had been maltreated.

Mr. Huntington, he said, was stripped naked, while the police were searching him, and his wife was subjected to insults and indignities.

Ambassador Herrick telegraphed to Washington Friday night and it is assumed here that the state department is taking action.

French Kind to Americans.  
The French military authorities are offering every facility for American citizens in France.

Captain Doumergue, former French Premier, last evening thanked Ambassador Herrick for the relief afforded to the French authorities by the American embassy and consulate general in looking after American citizens in Paris. He also thanked him for the formation of an American ambulance corps.

The French war office today placed three ambulances temporarily at the service of the American embassy, for the transportation of homeless Germans from the embassy offices to the school building, where they are now lodged.

Belgians Cut German Road.  
According to reliable information received here, Belgian troops have cut the railroad between Arras and Vitry, thus stopping all German transportation in the direction of Vitry.

At Athys, the Belgians took the rails away bodily.

German Cruiser Reported Sunk.  
A dispatch published by the Petit Parisien says that the German cruiser Augsburg, which bombarded the Russian port of Libau, has been sunk by a Russian torpedo.

Austrians Kill Czech Soldiers.  
An official dispatch received at the war office here states that the Austrians shot a number of Czech soldiers in the Bohemian regiment before the latter left for the scene of the war.

France Condemns Belgium.  
King Albert appealed to France for aid in repulsing the Germans, according to the Exchange Telegraph company. The king, in a message to president Poincaré, thanked him for his promptness in responding to the Belgian appeal.

President Poincaré responded that France would do all in its power.

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#### RESERVISTS NOT ARMED CAN LEAVE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—New instructions to collectors of customs, designed to free commerce from all possible restrictions, and still observe neutrality, were promulgated today. Under the new regulations European reservists will be allowed to mail for their home countries if they are not in uniform, do not carry arms, and so on. Individuals would be permitted to supercede instructions recently given without the knowledge of the treasury department by the department of commerce, which affected reservists and ships.

President Wilson today issued a proclamation of neutrality to apply to the state of war between Austria-Hungary and Russia. It is similar in terms to those already issued.

#### ITALY SUPPORTS U. S. PLAN OF MEDIATION

Rome, Italy, Aug. 8.—The offer of mediation by president Wilson has produced an excellent effect. Italy, while admitting the great obstacles to its success, will warmly support the American proposition.

Regret is expressed at the absence of the American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, at such a critical time, but secretary Jay, who enjoys the fullest confidence of those in official circles, is doing his utmost to promote the scheme. He has had several conversations regarding it with the foreign minister.

A statement attributed to king Victor Emmanuel in reply to the minister of the representatives of Germany and Austria-Hungary, who continually augmented their offers in order to obtain the active cooperation of Italy in the politics of the two Teutonic empires, has aroused much discussion in political circles here. The king of Italy is said to have burst out with the exclamation: "Neither friendship for my allies nor offers made by them, no matter how advantageous, would persuade me to sell my honor and that of my country."

#### GERMANS MISTREATED IN FRANCE, CLAIMED

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 8.—(By way of Amsterdam and London.)—The German newspapers complain about the diplomatic maneuvers carried out to make Germany appear the disturber of the peace. They maintain that it was Russia that pushed Germany to war. It is reported here that the Germans in France who were unable to leave within the time limit are being sent to western front, and compelled to help with the harvest. They add that German women in Russia are being expelled, while the men have been thrown into prison.

Mathias Erzberger, leader of the clerical party in the imperial parliament and chairman of the arms committee, states that the German army and navy are both splendidly equipped while the German rifles and cannon are superior to those of their adversaries. He declares Germany can absolutely rely on her defensive forces.

Prince Von Bismarck, former German imperial chancellor, in a patriotic appeal to the German nation today, concludes with the phrase:

"Even if the world be filled with devils the German power will defend and maintain its place in the sun."

#### ARMORED CRUISER JOINS GOLD SHIP

Boston, Mass., Aug. 8.—The armored cruiser North Carolina left port Friday night under sealed orders, presumably to join the cruiser Tennessee which left New York Thursday night bearing gold to Americans in Europe.

On board the cruiser were consular general Charles Denby, who landed in this country on Monday, and was returning to his post at Vienna, consul general George Horton returning to Argentina bound for Berlin.

The North Carolina is commanded by Capt. W. W. Oman and carries a crew of 750 men.

#### SCHOONER REPORTS ATTACK ON PORT

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 8.—A heavy bombardment of Linnau, Russia, by a German fleet is reported by the captain of a schooner which sailed from the port August 4. He said the fortresses were badly battered, but were holding out. He saw no warships on the voyage.

All the wharves and warehouses at Hango, Finland, were destroyed, having been blown up by Finnish and Russian troops.

#### BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS DISCOUNT RATE

London, Eng., Aug. 8.—The Bank of England discount rate was reduced today from 5 to 4 percent.

#### U. S. MEDIATION IS FAVORED BY CHINA

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—China, through her legation here, has approved president Wilson's act in extending his good office to compose the European war through mediation or arbitration.

#### LINERS TAKE MEN TO WAR ABROAD

Sant' Anna Sails For France  
With 1100 French Reservists For Service.

#### EUROPA IS TAKING ITALIANS HOMEWARD

Adriatic Also Sails, Taking  
Hundreds to England;  
Two Sailings Halted.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Thousands of reservists are to leave New York today for Europe to enter the armies now engaged in war. In addition to the Olympic and the Vaterland, now detained, five other trans-Atlantic liners announced sailings for today, three of them crowded with reservists. These were the Faber liner Sant' Anna, sailing for Marseilles with 1100 French reservists—referred to by the time as "1100 destitute Frenchmen"—the Columbia of the Anchor line, bound for Glasgow with her storeroom overflowing; the Europa, sailing from Naples with 1500 Italians and Montenegrins in her storeroom, and the first consignment of mail sent to Austria and Germany in several days; the White Star liner Adriatic for Liverpool and the Atlantic transport line Minnehaha for London. The Minnehaha, used chiefly for freight, had but 14 passengers, and five vessels were given clearance papers.

#### Olympic Passengers Transferred.

The Olympic passengers were transferred to the Adriatic after the suspension of the Olympic's sailing was announced. The Adriatic sailed at noon. The Minnehaha sailed at the same time.

#### Mauretania Passengers Arrive.

Two hundred and thirty first cabin passengers from the Cunard line steamship Mauretania, which put into Halifax after a trip from England to avoid capture by German warships, arrived in New York today by train.

The Mauretania is still at Halifax, and it is understood that she would be converted into a British cruiser.

The Olympic and Vaterland were held up on orders from the British admiralty. The White Star liner Cedric, which put into Halifax Thursday to avoid capture by German warships, is expected here Sunday noon.

As in the case of the Olympic, the Vaterland's sail was called off by orders from the admiralty. Notwithstanding her name, the Vaterland is a British boat.

The order to hold the Olympic was served after she had been given clearance papers by the customs officials and all preparations had been made for sailing. Approximately 500 persons had engaged passage on her.

Theodore R. Lempe, manager of the wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., announced today that the station had established direct communication with the station at Hanover, Germany. Mr. Lempe said he had telegraphed secretary Bryan to this effect and had offered to place the Tuckerton plant at the state department's service. Cable communication with Germany has been severed for several days.

The Great Northern Telegraph company suspended today its deferred cablegram service. This action affects Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the far east.

Cardinal Is Safe.  
Cardinal Fahey and his family, as to whose safety abroad there has been some anxiety, are safe at Brunnen, Switzerland, according to a private cablegram received here today.

#### Austrian Troops Invading Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Aug. 8.—Austrian troops crossed the Russian frontier near the Romanian border today and burned some villages.

The Austrian-Hungarian merchant steamer Stella has been captured by Russian warships.

Map Showing German Movements Against France, and Russian Against Germany



### ALL FOOD SEIZED IN THE ENGLISH CAPITAL

Belgian Government Seizes German Ships; Fighting Continues on Belgian Frontier, Where German Loss Was So Tremendously Heavy; First Great Battle Is Looked Upon as but a Prelude to What Is to Come When the Great Armies Clash.

#### Belgian Government Seizes German Ships.

President Poincaré also gave out the news in his message to king Albert of Belgium, that French troops were "shedding their blood with the Belgians on the battlefield today."

The fighting around Liege, although regarded in military circles as important, is considered merely as a beginning movement in the campaign, the plan of which has been kept secret by both sides.

#### No News of German Troops.

No news has yet been given as to the position of the bulk of the 24 German army corps or of the 24 French army corps. It is known that several of the German corps are near the Belgian frontier. The organization of other corps from the immense body of reserves must have occurred since the mobilization. These probably have taken the places in interior fortified cities of the soldiers of the active army who are, it is assumed, now preparing to make their first dash at the enemy.

#### To Be Tremendous Battle.

It is pointed out by military men that any decisive offensive movement by the German or French army will involve several hundred thousands of men on each side whose contact will throw into the shadow the fight at Liege.

#### Norwegian Ship Sunk.

Reports from many quarters record further captures of merchant vessels sailing under the German flag, while the presence of contact mines even in neutral waters was shown in today's wreck of the Norwegian steamer the Zuluider Zee (The Netherlands).

What is happening in the African colonies of Germany, France, Belgium.

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### LATEST IN THE FIGHT

Is Forced by Germany to  
Join With British and  
French in Fighting.

#### ITALY MAY NEXT TAKE A STAND

French and Belgians Fight  
Side by Side at Liege;  
Britain Seizes Food

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 8.—Five European nations are now arrayed against two in the great war that will no doubt completely change the map of Europe. In response to a request from Germany for an expression of friendship or enmity, Portugal today gave official notice that she would align herself with England, France, Russia and Belgium. This leaves Germany and Austria alone against five other powers as the war situation stands today.

A summary of the war situation up to the minute follows:

Austrian troops have crossed the Russian frontier and are burning Russian towns.

Belgian government seizes 34 German steamers.

French charge cruelties to Germans, even to murder of Belgian children for expressing patriotic sentiments. Germans arrest American of note. French are exceedingly kind to Americans.

Italy supports United States mediation plan.

Four British cruisers reported sunk and several German torpedo boats lost in naval battle off British isles, according to private advices to New York.

That both British and French troops are hurrying to the assistance of the Belgians is stated in French official dispatches today. The extent of the support is kept secret, as well as the route taken by the reinforcements. British have landed in France to join in repulse of Germans.

French cavalry is said to have arrived at Liege, where masses of German troops are reported moving forward to support the strong advance guard which was checked by the Belgians, and, according to reports from Belgian sources, lost 25,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. The German war office declares the German check is not a defeat but the result of a heroic attempt of a small German force to advance in the face of difficulties.

Belgians have cut the railroads and stopped the Germans receiving reinforcements.

German dead reported four and five deep in Liege trenches.

French and German troops are said to have come in contact in Luxembourg, where several German army corps are supposed to have concentrated.

Portugal decides to act as an ally to Great Britain under the terms of an old treaty by which they must do so.

A dispatch reports the sinking of the German cruiser Augsburg in the Baltic by a Russian torpedo boat.

A big Norwegian steamer struck a mine in the Dutch coast and was beached.

Transatlantic lines running from Glasgow suspended their sailings today, causing the stranding of many Americans and Canadians.

The Bank of England reduced its discount rate to 5 percent owing to the improvement in the market situation.

#### BRITISH VESSELS REPORTED SUNK

New York, Aug. 8.—Lack of confirmation is had of the private reports received here to the effect that a flotilla of German torpedo boats has attacked British warships in Humber, the waterway to Hull, on the east coast of England, sinking four of them. A number of the attacking German torpedo boats were reported lost. The report tallies with Friday's declaration of the British admiralty that the first news of the war might be unfavorable.

The date of the reported engagement is not known.

#### ARMED MEXICANS MARCH ON PHOENIX

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 8.—It is reported that 700 armed Mexicans left Ray today for Phoenix. Local officers are on the qui vive and are arresting a number of local Mexicans and searching them for weapons. It is known positively that Ray stores sold Mexican a number of guns and much ammunition before their suspicions were aroused. The operation of the Ray Consolidated mine is almost entirely suspended.